

by means of pink coloured tape. A pistol bullet was impacted in the side of the door a few inches above the hole of the door-latch. Portions of three artificial incisor teeth, and also a cigar stub were lying on the hall floor inside the door, about eighteen inches from the door-sill. Spots of blood were on the staircase near the door, and the lower panels of the door were bespattered with blood. The body was quite warm and had been but a very few minutes dead.

*Post Mortem.*—The *post mortem* was performed ten hours after death. On a superficial view the body appeared very fat, muscular and extremely pale. There were no discolorations or marks of violence observable except a pistol shot wound in the back of the neck. A large pitch plaster was closely adherent to the posterior region of the chest. There was a cicatrix of a recent ulcer on the outside of left ankle. The trunk of the body was yet warm. The upper and lower extremities were cold and slight cadaveric rigidity of the neck and lower extremities existed. The face and left side of the neck were covered with blood, and the mouth was covered with sanguineous froth. The hair on the back of the head was singed and saturated with gunpowder in sufficient quantity to blacken the fingers on rubbing the hair between them. The smell of gunpowder was unmistakable. The head was large and massive, forehead high, broad and full, hair black and wavy, commingled with grey.

*Brain.*—The brain was first examined. On removal of the calvarium it was found to be unusually thin and transparent. The medical men present conceded that they had never observed any human skull so thin and so remarkably translucent. The brain was very large, weighing fifty-nine ounces. It was unusually firm and compact to the touch, but not to say hard; on dissection it proved to be in the normal condition throughout its entire substance. The membranes were in a healthy state. A small quantity of lymphic effusion existed in the arachnoid on the superior segment of the left hemisphere and in this locality a few minute adhesions existed between the arachnoid and pia-mater—a few thread like filaments extending between them. The convolutions were remarkably, tortuous and prominent. The encephalic mass did not appear to be unusually exsanguine.

*The abdominal and thoracic cavities* were next examined. The adipose state of the body was confirmed on the first incision. The fat was upwards of an inch thick over the breast, and fully two inches over the abdomen.

*Lungs.*—The lungs contained sanguineous frothy serum and mucus. This was more noticeable in the left lung. Both lungs were firmly ad-